

## **Appleby Archaeology**

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Thursday March 11th 2010 at Northgate Milburn.

### Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Tony Greenwood	Publicity
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary

### Apologises

Make Godfrey, Liz Hawkins.

### Notes of the last meeting

The notes were agreed a correct record.

### 1/03/10 Matters Arising

9/11/08 Papers from Mr Le Crane: currently with Tony to be returned to Phyl who will then give the relevant papers to the present owners of Brampton Mill.

4/09/09 Brackenber Research Excavations: the report is on the website. Richard has sent an application for funding to the secretary and chairman of CWAAS

7/12/09 AOB Gift of an overhead projector: Ron Lyons handed it to Martin J at the January meeting.

### 2/03/10 Membership

Renewal reminders have been sent, in the Spring Newsletter to a number of members.

### 3/03/10 Treasurer's Report

Mike sent a statement of accounts. The balance on 10/03/10 was £1310.95 The bill for the hire of the Grammar School has not been presented.

### 4/03/10 Future Research

1) Possible Roman signal station Appleby golf course and the Augill signal station It was agreed that Martin R would send a preliminary proposal to the Historic Environment Enabling Programme, English Heritage to seek their support.

2) Cave in St George's Gill. Martin R had advised the committee, by email, of the requirements for health and safety on a potentially hazardous site, and one which is in an area of SSI. The estimated cost of an excavation, supervised by North Pennines archaeology, would be £1050. Richard suggested that £1500 should be allocated to include post excavation costs and that an application for funding might be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Martin J to contact a former colleague, who has a particular interest in cave archaeology, for further information.

### 5/03/10

The following have been received:-

Appleby and Westmorland Society Newsletter.

Cumbria CVS Newsletters.

### 6/03/10 Festival of Archaeology 2010

Martin R had informed CBA that no excavations were going on that week but he suggested that the group could do further geophysics to mark the festival. It was agreed that two days would be planned for the first weekend 17/18<sup>th</sup> July. Several sites were mentioned. Martin R to review and inform

members in the Summer (June )Newsletter.

### **7/03/10 New Projector**

Martin J had made enquiries and advised that a business quality projector would cost £500. It was agreed that the group should replace the old one for next autumn but that it would be worth approaching Neighbourhood Forum for a grant. However if one is not forthcoming the purchase should be made. Richard to follow up.

### **08/03/10 Committee Members Expenses**

Phyl asked for some clarification. All members incur some expenses eg phone calls, use of personal stationary computer inks etc. These are often in small amounts and are difficult to record. Any large expenditure eg postage of Newsletters, stamps and photocopying should be invoiced or billed to the group's account at Appleby Business Centre. This was discussed and one suggestion was that a small honorarium might be the solution. To be discussed at the next meeting when the treasure and membership secretary are present.

### **09/03/10 Programme 2010/2011**

#### **Summer Events**

Tuesday May 18<sup>th</sup> Evening Tour of Penrith Henges possibly continuing to Castlerigg Circle  
Phyl and Martin J.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June Afternoon Mardale Valley guided tour and visit to Shap Heritage Centre.  
Refreshments will be available. Details to be in the June Newsletter. Phyl to follow up.

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Visit to Caermote Roman Fort. Follow up to March talk by Mark  
Graham. Martin R to contact Mark to ask if someone could take us round.

#### **Autumn/Winter Talks**

September Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Matthew Town North Pennines Archaeology, Lancaster's Delftware  
Industry recent excavations of an important post-medieval delftware pottery in Lancaster City.  
Confirmed.

October Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sheena Gemmel The Scots. Confirmed.

November Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Excavations at Brougham. Confirmed. Speaker's name to follow.

December Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Martin Railton Boroughgate Excavation. Confirmed' Appleby and  
Westmorland Society to be invited. Phyl to contact Vivienne Gate

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January Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> AGM and Members' Evening. Members to be asked for contributions.

Suggestions for the following dates February 8<sup>th</sup>, March, 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Carlise Records Officer; Jan Walker Holme Cultram Abbey; Ian Tyler Gypsum Mining; Eric  
Matthews Medieval Bathing. Richard to follow up.

It was agreed that speakers should be asked for a very brief summary of their talk for greater publicity and that notice of the talks and events be sent CBA North. Martin R for April talk then Phyl

**Date and time of next meeting Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Pear Tree Cottage Skirwith**